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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 and 12-27 were pending in this application when last examined by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 20-27 have been canceled. Claims 28-35 have been added. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of the now pending claims 1-10, 12-19 and 28-35.

Claims 1, 3-9, 12-13, and 15-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shintani et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0124249) in view of Shoff et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0001160). Claims 2 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shintani et al. in view of Shoff et al. and in further view of Dunn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,517,257). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shintani et al. in view of Shoff et al. and in further view of Bolnick et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0023230). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Shintani is directed to providing targeted advertising to individual users each time a video program is selected for playback. (See, par. 0045-0050). The selected video program may be a video-on-demand program or a previously recorded television program. Shintani recognizes that "[s]ince the playback is an individual playback for the user, advertisements can be individually selected for the user based upon the user's individual profile." (Par. 0045). In addition to using a user's profile including his or her viewing history to select advertisements, Shintani teaches that "advertising can be varied depending upon the content, advertisement history, playback time and date, and/or other factors." (Par. 0045). Thus, the aim of Shintani is to provide a new, updated advertisement each time a program is selected for playback. The selected advertisement is therefore "not static and, thus, more likely to be subject to becoming obsolete (e.g., discontinued products or services, events that have already taken place, etc.) or tiring to the viewer." (Par. 0045; see also, par. 0048; 0050).

In contrast, amended claim 1 specifically recites that "the same interactive content [is] configured to be displayed by each client device during the first time period" when the broadcast

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event is broadcast. Amended claim 1 also recites "a particular one of the client devices retrieving the stored broadcast event and interactive content in response to a user command; and the particular one of the client devices playing back the retrieved broadcast event during a second time period . . . the interactive content provided by the corresponding PIR during the second time period configured to be the same interactive content that would have been displayed when the event was broadcast during the first time period." (Emphasis added). As discussed above, assuming, *arguendo*, that the advertisements in Shintani are the claimed "interactive content," the advertisements that are selected for playback in Shintani are not "configured to be the same interactive content that would have been displayed when the event was broadcast during the first time period." Accordingly, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 13 includes limitations that are similar to the limitations of claim 1 which make claim 1 allowable. Accordingly, claim 13 is also in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2-10, 12, and 14-27 are also in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain.

Claims 28-36 are new in this application. Claim 30 is a new independent claim which includes limitations that are similar to the limitations of claim 1 which make claim 1 allowable. Accordingly, claim 30 is in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Added claims 28-29 and 31-35 are in condition for allowance because they depend on an allowable base claim, and for the additional limitations that they contain. Specifically with respect to claims 28-29 and 35, these claims specifically recite that the interactive content "is not targeted interactive content that is based on individualized viewer profile information." As discussed above with respect to claim 1, the advertisements disclosed in Shintani are targeted advertisements that are based on individualized viewer profile information. Accordingly, claims 28-29 and 35 are also in condition for allowance for this added limitation.

With respect to claim 33, this claim recites "a user input device operably coupled to each client device for transmitting a video control message to the first and second recording devices,

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the first and second recording devices being configured to separately perform a corresponding action on respectively the video program and interactive content in response to the video control message." Support for this limitation may be found in various parts of the specification, including, for example, on page 12, line 22 - page 13, line 7. The limitations added by claim 33 are not taught nor suggested by any of the cited references. In Shintani's system, the advertisements are merged into the video program and thus, there is no separate control of the video program and the interactive content. (See, pars. 0048, 0050).

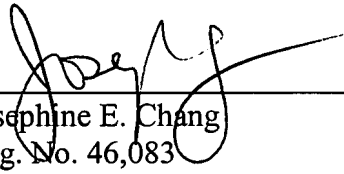
With respect to claim 34, this claim further recites that "the video control message is a message selected from a group consisting of fast forwarding, rewinding, and pausing." The Examiner relies on Dunn et al. to contend that Dunn teaches such functionality. Any fast forwarding, rewinding, and pausing functions that may be disclosed in Dunn et al., however, is for controlling a recorded video program. Nothing in Dunn et al. teaches or suggests that fast forwarding, rewinding, or pausing messages are received by "first and second recording devices, the first and second recording devices being configured to separately perform a corresponding action on respectively the video program and interactive content responsive to the video control message," as is required by claim 33, on which claim 34 depends. (Emphasis added). Accordingly, claim 34 is also in condition for allowance for its added limitations.

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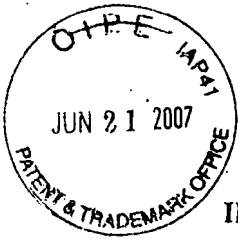
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